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Invoke Durood on Mirza

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I hail from a small village in District Larkana, Sindh, Pakistan called Misn Badah. In the 1920s, my great-grandfather, respected Muhammad Saleh, went to perform Hajj. He traveled on foot all the way across Balochistan, Iran, and other areas. It took him five years to return, with a long beard and swollen feet.

Upon his return, when he knocked on the door of his home and a 6-year old girl opened the door, thinking of him as a beggar, she went inside and got some rice and flour to give to him. She then went back inside to tell her mother that the "beggar" would not take the charity. Her mother then went to the door to see why the "beggar" had refused their offerings. She looked at him and told the girl that the man standing in their doorway was her husband and the little girl's father, who had come back from Hajj.

Subsequently, my great-grandfather was guided through dreams and vision (Kashf) over a three-day period to "Invoke Durood on Mirza." He gathered his friends and relatives and told them the details of his dreams and vision that he had been hearing for three days to invoke



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Durood on Mirza. No one knew who Mirza was, but they decided that it was a great blessing to recite Durood Sharif so they would indeed recite Durood Sharif on Mirza even though they did not know who he was.

In order to fulfill the dream, the whole village gathered one hundred thousand small pebbles and started reciting Durood Sharif on Hazrat Mirza Sahib. It took them 3 or 4 days to complete it one hundred thousand times, after which a silent prayer was said for its acceptance.

The morning after, a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), Hazrat Maulawi Muhammad Ibrahim Baqapuri (may Allah be pleased with him) arrived at the train station. He could have gone to the city or to the other towns; instead, he looked eastward and decided to come to our village. Our elders were busy in their work as he arrived. He greeted them with As-Salamu 'Alaikum. They shook his hand and took him to our mosque so that he could get some rest.

In the evening, everyone gathered at the mosque for Maghrib Prayer. Hazrat Maulawi Baqapuri stood up and addressed them: "Friends, I have come to you from Qadian, Punjab to tell you that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad has claimed that he is the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi. As soon as they heard "Mirza," they were all amazed and told Hazrat Maulawi Baqapuri about the vision of my great-grandfather and how they had all recited Durood Sharif one hundred thousand times on Hazrat Mirza Sahib. The whole village said Alhamdulillah, and three hundred souls accepted Ahmadiyyat right then and there.

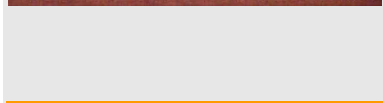
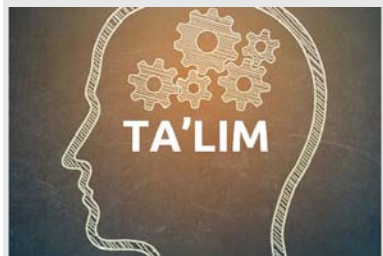
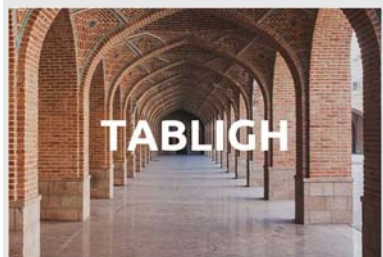
Since the Promised Messiah has repeatedly referred to himself as a "Burooz" or shadow of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), invoking Durood on him is nothing but glorifying the excellence of the Holy Prophet. So, let us close by offering Durood on the Holy Prophet—Allahumma salli 'ala Muhammadin wa barik wa sallim innaka Hamidun-Majid (O Allah, bless Muhammad and prosper him and grant him peace; Thou art Praiseworthy and Glorious).

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Ten Facts about Amended Tax Returns

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Do you know that you can file an amended tax return if you have made a mistake on your original return? Here are the top ten things to know about filing an amended tax return.

1. An amended return must be filed on paper; it cannot be e-filed. Use Form [1040X](#), Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to correct errors on your tax return.
2. An amended tax return should be filed if you made an error claiming your filing status, income, deductions, or credits on your original return.
3. Normally, an amended return is not needed to correct any mathematical errors or if you forgot to attach tax forms such as a W-2 or a schedule. The IRS will automatically make corrections and send you a request to provide any missing forms.
4. Form 1040X can usually be filed within three years from the date of the original tax return filing to claim a refund or within two years from the date you paid the tax. See the 1040X [instructions](#) for special rules that apply to certain claims.
5. 1040X for each year should be mailed in separate envelopes. Note the tax year for the amended return at the top of Form 1040X. Check the form's instructions for where to mail the amended return.
6. Any other IRS forms or schedules used to make changes should be attached to the Form 1040X.
7. Wait to receive any refund due from original return before filing Form 1040X to claim an additional refund. Amended returns take up to 12 weeks to process. Original refund can be spent while waiting for any additional refund.
8. If more tax is owed, file Form 1040X and pay the tax as soon as possible in order to reduce any interest and penalties.
9. The status of the amended tax return can be tracked with [Where's My Amended Return?](#) or by phone at 866-464-2050, three weeks after the filing.
10. To check the status of the amended tax return, taxpayer identification number—which is usually the Social Security number—date of birth, and zip code are required.

Additional IRS Resources:

- [Topic 308 - Amended Returns](#)
- [Amended Returns & Form 1040X - FAQs](#)
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